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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

CARLO AMATO, DC License # 38MC00307200

: INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
: OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
: TO BE DEEMED A
: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Carlo Amato, D.C. ("Respondent") was charged by indictment in Ocean County New Jersey with four counts of Healthcare Claim Fraud in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3(a), one count of Theft by Deception in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4, and one count of third degree Possession of a Controlled Substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1). It is alleged that Respondent filed claims with an insurance carrier for

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payments for chiropractic services he did not perform and that he possessed Fentanyl, a schedule II narcotic, without legal authority to do so. It has also been separately allaged as part of a motion to revoke Respondent's bail in the criminal matter, that Respondent continued to practice chiropractic despite a bail restriction that he cease and desist from all chiropractic practice.

allegations, if proven, would demonstrate The Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of chiropractic pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and lacks good moral character, which is an underlying foundation for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26, both of which would provide bases license. disciplinary action Respondent's against for Additionally, if proven, the allegations would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in professional misconduct, subjecting him to discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily suspending his license without making admissions and without prejudice to his ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause

having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 22 nd DAY OF June, 2017, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. The license to practice as a chiropractor in the State of New Jersey, issued to Respondent, Carlo Amato, is hereby voluntarily surrendered, to be deemed a temporary suspension of license, effective immediately, pending disposition of the criminal charges detailed above and until further Order of the Board.
- 2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward his chiropractic license, both wallet and wall versions, to Joshua M. Bengal, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a chiropractor in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of chiropractic in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.
- 4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.
- 5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing

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chiropractic practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from continuing and/or initiating further disciplinary action based upon Respondent's conduct, whether or not relating to the allegations above and/or upon disposition of the criminal charges. Additionally, upon any application for reinstatement of Respondent's license, the Board, in its sole discretion, amy impose any condictions or restrictions on licensure that the Board deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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By:

David Allen, D.C. Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and consent to the entry of the Order as a matter of public record. I understand that this Order has serious legal consequences. I have been

given an opportunity to review this Order with legal counsel.

Carlo Amato, D.C. License # 38MC00307200